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AGENDA

Thursday, August 31, 2006

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**Austin Energy
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****ITEM No. 2**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$30,000 in grant funds from the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO); and amending the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Austin Energy Department Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 20050912-001 to appropriate \$30,000 in funding for the Texas Center for Commercialization of Electric Technology.

Amount and Source of Funding: Grant funding of \$30,000 is available from the State Energy Conservation Office.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

Additional Backup Material

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☐ **Grant Amendment fiscal note**☐ **SECO**

For More Information: Andres Carvallo, Chief Information Officer / 322-6401.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission. (Related to item #3)

The State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) has awarded grant funding to Austin Energy in the amount of \$30,000 to provide to the Texas Center for Commercialization of Electric Technology (CCET) for the development of technology blueprints for Smart Meters and Remote Terminal Units. As a member of CCET, Austin Energy will facilitate and oversee the CCET's development of the technology blueprints, which are to include the feasibility of near term solutions to ensure that the technology is commercialized and ultimately leads to energy savings.

Organized in September 2005, the CCET is a nonprofit whose purpose is to enhance the safety, reliability, security and efficiency of the Texas electric transmission and distribution system through research, development and commercialization of emerging technologies. In addition to Austin Energy, CCET members include Freescale Semiconductor, Avistar, CenterPoint Energy (Houston), TXU Electric Delivery (Dallas), AEP Texas and a consortium of six universities including The University of Texas (at Austin and at Arlington), Texas A&M University (at College Station and at Kingsville), Texas Tech and the University of Houston.

**OPERATING BUDGET
FISCAL NOTE**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

8/31/2006
ORDINANCE
Austin Energy

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Amended Budget 2005-2006</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2005-2006</u>
Commercialization of Electric Technology			
Grant Term: 09/01/06 - 12/31/06	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>
FTES			

Source: \$30,000 grant funds is available from State Energy Conservation Office (SECO). The grant term is September 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

Director, Finance Austin Energy J. E. Pokorny Date 8/15/2006



Electric Utility Commission
August 21, 2006
Meeting

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Motion by: Fath

Seconded by: Knaupe

Ayes: Fath, Knaupe, Skeith, Schmandt, and Shaw

Nays: NONE

Abstaining: NONE

Off the dais: Sessa and Owens

Absent: Alvarez and Weston

The Commission approved this item, 5-0.